

Catahoula Parish



"Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community"

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Catahoula	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	28.1%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	42.4%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	8.6%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$7,212	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	93.8%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	5.7%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	0.0	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	80.0%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	72.7%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	14.2%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	17.7%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	274.7	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	109.9	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	0.0	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	433.2	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	267.3	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	23.2	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	2.7	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 6	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	28.2%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI >30 (adults 20+)	27.1%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	69.0%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	86.5%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	67.5%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

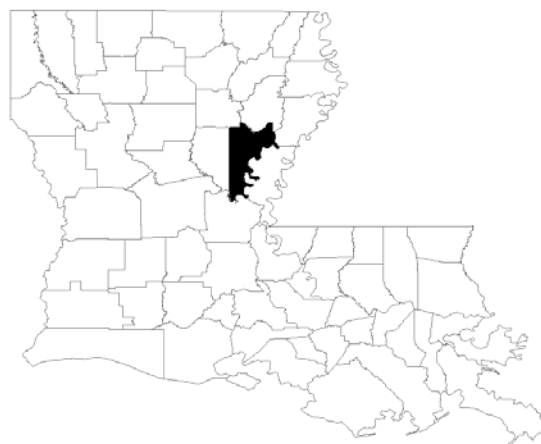
Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Catahoula Parish was formed on March 23, 1808. The parish derived its name from the Tensas Indian name “cataoola,” which means big, clear lake. However, Catahoula Lake is now in LaSalle Parish, originally the western half of Catahoula Parish. The parish seat of Catahoula is Harrisonburg. With an area totally 703.7 square miles, Catahoula Parish has 10 public schools, 49 churches and one airport. Chief agriculture in Catahoula Parish are cotton, livestock, timber, and soybeans. Industry includes timber and logging.



Catahoula Parish Museum houses prehistoric Indian artifacts and exhibits.

Parish Seat³ Harrisonburg

Major Cities (population over 5,000)

N/A

Parish Population⁴

2000..... 10,920

2003 (estimate)10,615

2000 Population by Race

White..... 71.8%

African-American 27.1%

Some other race..... 1.1%

Hispanic of Latino (of any race) 0.9%

2000 Population by Age

Under 5 years 6.5%

5-14 14.2%

15-17 5.1%

18-19 3.1%

20-24 6.9%

25-64 49.8%

65 & over 14.4%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation 20ft.

Land area in square miles 704

Water area in square miles 35.8

Climate**Average temperatures**

Annual..... 65°

January 55°

July 92°

Annual average rainfall..... 60 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

Catahoula Parish

Civilian.....	4,448
Employed	4,093
Unemployed.....	355
Unemployment.....	8%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- Louisiana College, Pineville
- Louisiana State University and A&M College, Alexandria

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2. Louisiana Office of Tourism. 1998. keywords: regional information
<<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
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<<http://www.lded.state.la.us>>.
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary
<http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.